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Spring Prescribed Burn Project Planned in the June Lake Loop Area

BISHOP, Calif., Feb. 27, 2013 – The Mono Lake Ranger District of the Inyo National Forest is planning to implement a prescribed fire project for habitat improvement and hazardous fuels reduction over the next several weeks. This phase of the June Loop Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project will consist of sagebrush broadcast burning. The prescribed burn project consists of five units (called the June Loop Fuels Project – Sagebrush Burn) that encompass approximately 3100 acres west of Highway 395 and east of Grant Lake. The total number of acres planned for burning in 2013 will be less than 100 acres.

Fire crews will conduct broadcast burning of sagebrush patches ranging in size from 1 to 4 acres to reduce fuel continuity and create a mosaic pattern over the landscape. The burn patches will be located in the more remote areas of the June Lake Loop and away from structures. The project is expected to last several days, weather permitting. Smoke may be visible from the communities of June Lake and Lee Vining but is expected to drift away from the communities.

Prescribed burn operations are being conducted when weather and fuel conditions are within prescription to safely accomplish the project objectives. For more information about the prescribed burning, contact Stuart Volkland, District Fire Management Officer at 760-647-3028. For questions or concerns related to air quality and smoke, contact Jon Becknell of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District at 760-872-8211.

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